



JRuby 10

Improve your Ruby with JIT, GC, and Libraries from the JVM



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What is JRuby?

- Ruby on the Java Virtual Machine
- Ruby implementation first, JVM language second
 - Many benefits from JVM ecosystem
- Ruby code should "just work"
 - Different extension API, no forking, parallel threads
- Thousands of **production** users, **18 years** of real-world use



What Is Important?

- **Usability**: compatibility, startup time, warmup time
- **Runtime features**: GC, JIT, monitoring, profiling, concurrency
- **Platform features**: mobile, server, desktop, integration, deployment
- **Performance**: straight line, scaling, parallelism, resource usage
- Different applications needs different capabilities



Getting Started



The **Ruby Programming Language**
on the JVM



Latest release - **9.3.4.0**
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WHY JRUBY?

The Best of the JVM



- High performance
- Real threading
- Vast array of libraries

GET STARTED

It's Just Ruby



Ruby 2.5 compatible

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Platform Independent



- Easy to install
- Easy migration
- No hassles



JRuby Install

- Install a Java runtime
 - Java 21+ required for JRuby 10
 - Latest Java recommended (Java 24)
- Install JRuby
 - Recommended: Ruby installer, system package, Docker image
 - Download tarball/zip, Windows installer, build yourself



```
$ java -version
openjdk version "24" 2025-03-18
OpenJDK Runtime Environment (build 24+36-3646)
OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM (build 24+36-3646, mixed mode, sharing)
$ ruby-install jruby-10.0.0.1
>>> Updating jruby versions ...
>>> Installing jruby 10.0.0.1 into /Users/headius/.rubies/jruby-10.0.0.1 ...
>>> Downloading https://repo1.maven.org/maven2/org/jruby/jruby-dist/10.0.0.1/jruby-
dist-10.0.0.1-bin.tar.gz into /Users/headius/src ...
      % Total    % Received % Xferd  Average Speed   Time     Time     Time  Current
                                     Dload  Upload   Total   Spent   Left  Speed
100 32.1M  100 32.1M    0      0  7887k      0  0:00:04  0:00:04 --:--:-- 7887k
>>> Verifying jruby-dist-10.0.0.1-bin.tar.gz ...
>>> Extracting jruby-dist-10.0.0.1-bin.tar.gz to /Users/headius/src/jruby-10.0.0.1 ...
>>> Installing jruby 10.0.0.1 ...
>>> Symlinking bin/ruby to bin/jruby ...
>>> Successfully installed jruby 10.0.0.1 into /Users/headius/.rubies/jruby-10.0.0.1
```



```
[ ] ~ $ irb
>> RUBY_VERSION
=> "3.4.2"
>> JRUBY_VERSION
=> "10.0.1.0-SNAPSHOT"
>> runtime = java.lang.Runtime.getRuntime
=> #<Java::JavaLang::Runtime:0x64a896b0>
>> runtime.available_processors
=> 8
>> runtime.free_memory
=> 91420584
>>
```



Ruby Compatibility

- **JRuby 10** leaps to **Ruby 3.4**
 - Language and core specs: **98% passing**
 - Pure-Ruby standard library shared with CRuby
 - JRuby support for most native stdlib
- **JRuby 9.4** supports **Ruby 3.1**
 - Maintained until April 2026



JVM Libraries



A Whole New World

- JVM ecosystem has tens of thousands of libraries
 - Graphics, GUIs, servers, document formats, AI/LLM
 - One of the largest collections in the dev world
- All available to JRuby users!
 - Easy integration into Ruby apps and code

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JFreePDF is an API that provides a Graphics2D implementation that generates PDF output.

org.jfree

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[fluid-pdf-jvm](#)

Easy PDF generation with HTML & CSS using Chromium or Google Chrome

#Uncategorized

io.fluidsonic.pdf

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A Ruby Gem for LLMs like ChatGPT to have memory using in-context learning		DOWNLOADS

ruby_llm	1.2.0	26,133
Beautiful Ruby interface to modern AI		DOWNLOADS



Example: JFreeChart

- Chart-generating library with support for document output
- Easily used from JRuby
- <https://blog.headius.com/2025/05/3d-charts-and-more-with-jruby-and-jfreechart.html>





Dependencies

- Jarfile, like Gemfile
 - Like Bundler's Gemfile
 - List of libraries and versions from Maven
- lock_jars command
 - Like bundle install

```
jar 'org.jfree:jfreechart:1.5.5'  
jar 'org.jfree:org.jfree.chart3d:2.1.0'
```

```
$ lock_jars  
-- jar root dependencies --  
  
org.jfree:jfreechart:1.5.5:compile  
org.jfree:org.jfree.chart3d:2.1.0:compile  
org.jfree:org.jfree.svg:5.0.6:compile  
org.jfree:org.jfree.pdf:2.0:compile  
  
Jars.lock updated
```



Import or Set Constants

```
Color = java.awt.Color
```

```
Rectangle = java.awt.Rectangle
```

```
BufferedImage = java.awt.image.BufferedImage
```

```
java_import java.awt.Color
```

```
java_import java.awt.Rectangle
```

```
java_import java.awt.image.BufferedImage
```

```
java_import javax.imageio.ImageIO
```

```
java_import org.jfree.chart3d.Chart3DFactory
```

```
java_import org.jfree.chart3d.data.DefaultKeyedValues
```

```
...
```



Load Data into Dataset

```
require 'json'

dataset = StandardCategoryDataset3D.new
data = JSON.load(File.read("data/app_monitoring_revenue.json"))
data.each do |name, subset|
  values = DefaultKeyedValues.new
  subset.each { values.put(_1, _2) }
  dataset.add_series_as_row name, values
end
```



Create a 3D Bar Chart

```
chart = Chart3DFactory.create_bar_chart(  
  "Quarterly Revenues",  
  "Application & Performance Monitoring Companies",  
  dataset, nil, "Quarter",  
  "$million Revenues")  
chart.chart_box_color = Color.new(255, 255, 255, 127)  
chart.legend_anchor = LegendAnchor::BOTTOM_RIGHT
```



Adjust Rendering

```
plot = chart.plot
plot.gridline_paint_for_values = Color::BLACK

renderer = plot.renderer
item_label_generator =
    StandardCategoryItemLabelGenerator.new(
        StandardCategoryItemLabelGenerator::VALUE_TEMPLATE)
item_selection = StandardKeyedValues3DItemSelection.new
item_label_generator.item_selection = item_selection
renderer.item_label_generator = item_label_generator
```



Render to PNG

```
width, height = 600, 500
category_chart_image =
    BufferedImage.new(width, height, BufferedImage::TYPE_INT_RGB)

category_chart_graphics =
    category_chart_image.createGraphics

chart.draw(category_chart_graphics, Rectangle.new(width, height))

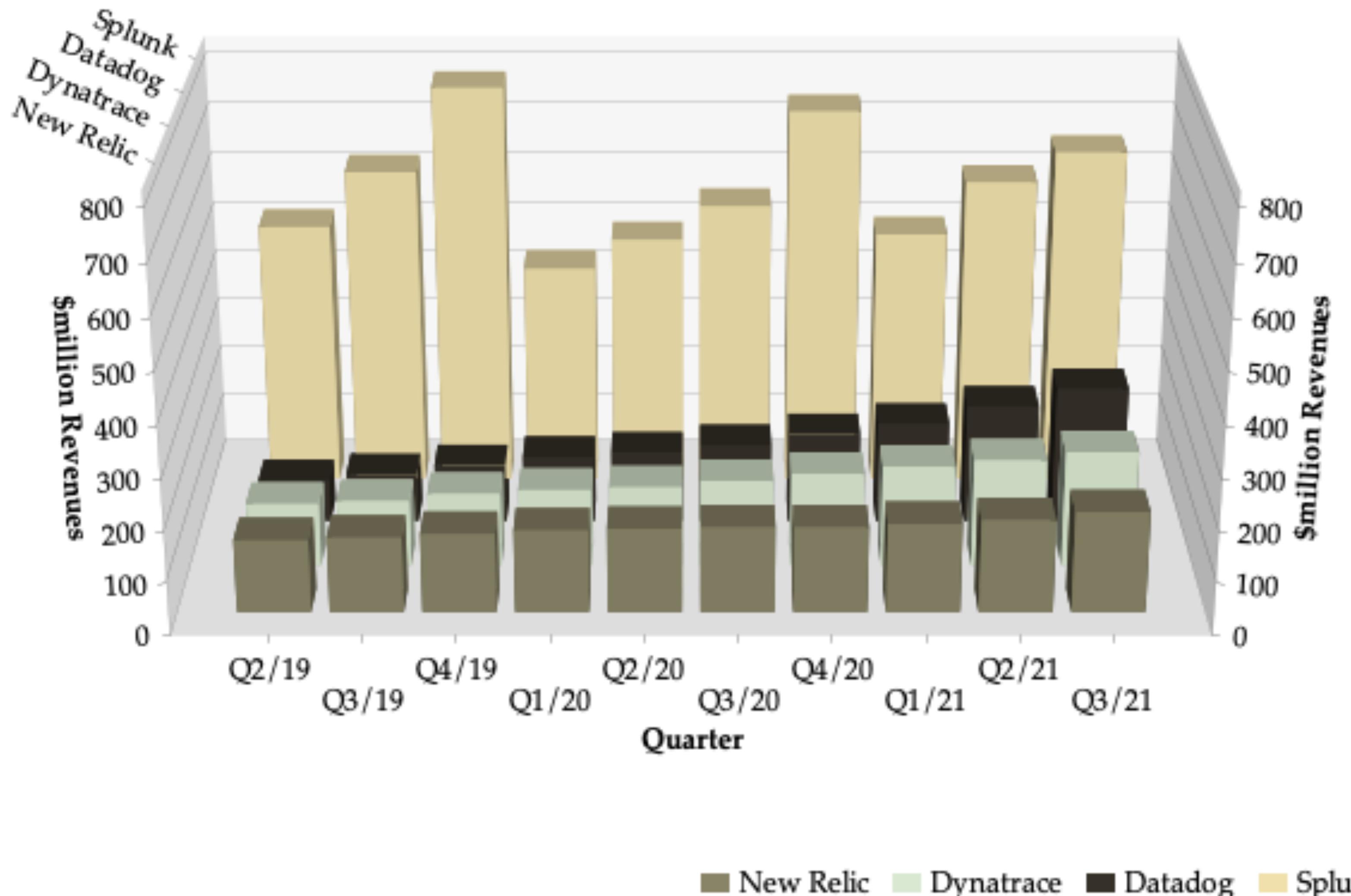
category_chart_file =
    File.open("category_chart.png", "w")

ImageIO.write(category_chart_image, "PNG",
    category_chart_file.to_outputstream)
```



Quarterly Revenues

Application & Performance Monitoring Companies





Render to SVG and PDF

```
require_jar 'org.jfree', 'org.jfree.svg', '5.0.6'  
java_import org.jfree.svg.SVGGraphics2D  
  
svg_graphics = SVGGraphics2D.new(width, height)  
svg_graphics.defs_key_prefix = "jruby_charts"  
chart.element_hinting = true  
chart.draw(svg_graphics, Rectangle.new(width, height))  
svg = svg_graphics.get_svg_element chart.id  
File.write("category_chart.svg", svg)
```

```
require_jar 'org.jfree', 'org.jfree.pdf', '2.0.1'  
java_import org.jfree.pdf.PDFDocument  
  
pdf_doc = PDFDocument.new  
pdf_doc.title = "Application & Performance Monitoring Companies Revenue"  
pdf_doc.author = "Charles Oliver Nutter";  
page = pdf_doc.create_page(Rectangle.new(612, 468))  
pdf_graphics = page.graphics2D  
chart.draw(pdf_graphics, Rectangle.new(0, 0, 612, 468))  
File.write("category_chart.pdf", pdf_doc.pdf_bytes)
```



GUI Libraries

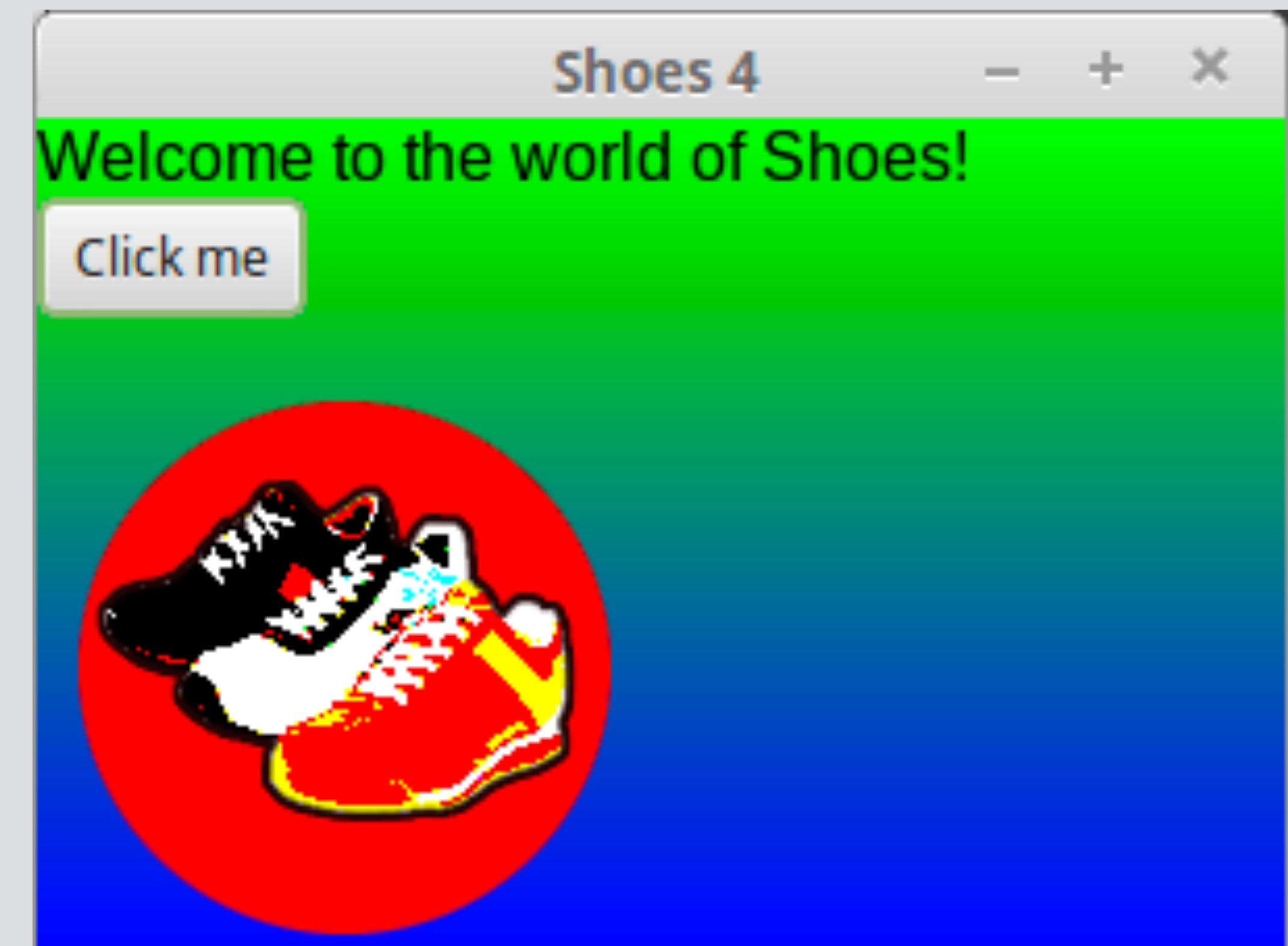
- Swing, built into JDK
 - Clean, cross-platform, easy to build simple UIs
- Scalable Windowing Toolkit (Eclipse SWT)
 - Native widgets, WebKit browser component, rich ecosystem
- JavaFX (via JRubyFX, github/jruby/jrubyfx)
 - Scene-based, vector drawing, event-driven modern UI library



Shoes 4

```
Shoes.app width: 300, height: 200 do
    background lime..blue

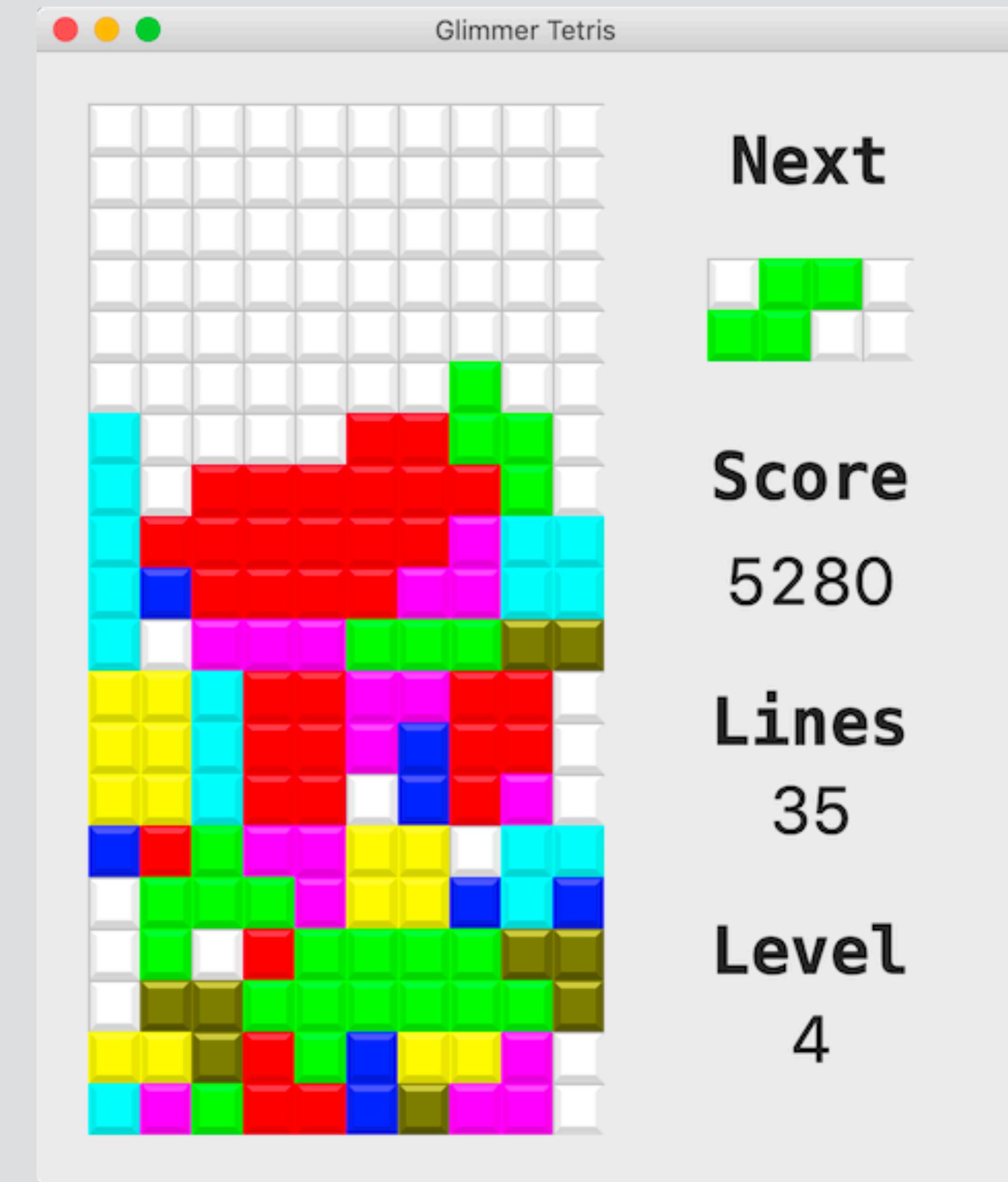
    stack do
        para "Welcome to the world of Shoes!"
        button "Click me" do alert "Nice click!" end
        image "http://shoesrb.com/img/shoes-icon.png",
            margin_top: 20, margin_left: 10
    end
end
```





Glimmer

- Glimmer GUI DSL
 - Multiple backends (SWT, GTK, ...)
 - JRuby + SWT is the most mature
- JRuby makes cross-platform GUI much easier!
 - Works same everywhere
 - GUI libraries shipped with gem
- <https://github.com/AndyObtiva/glimmer>





JavaFX

- Scene-based UI toolkit
- Cross-platform including mobile
- JRubyFX provides a Ruby wrapper
- FXML layout or widget scripting

```
require 'jrubyfx'

class HelloJRubyFX < JRubyFX::Application

  def start(stage)
    with(stage, width: 300, height: 300, title: 'Hello JRubyFX') do
      layout_scene(:dark_blue) do
        group do
          rectangle(x: 10, y: 40, width: 50, height: 50, fill: :red) do
            translate_x = translateXProperty # note we must do this here
            timeline(cycle_count: :indefinite, auto_reverse: true) do
              animate translate_x, 0.sec => 1.sec, 0 => 200
            end.play
          end
        end
      end
      show
    end
  end
end

HelloJRubyFX.launch
```



Purugin for Minecraft

```
event(:player_egg_throw) do |e|
  e.hatching = true
  e.num_hatches = 120
  e.player.msg "hatched"
end
```





GUIs... like Android?



Ruboto: JRuby on Android

- ruboto.org,
<https://github.com/ruboto/ruboto>
- Actively used for commercial projects today
- Build interface with GUI builder, wire it up with Ruby code
- Neglected a bit but being updated for JRuby 10 now!

Experience the fun of Ruby for Android

Ruboto is a framework and tool chain to develop native Android apps, using the Ruby language we all know and love.



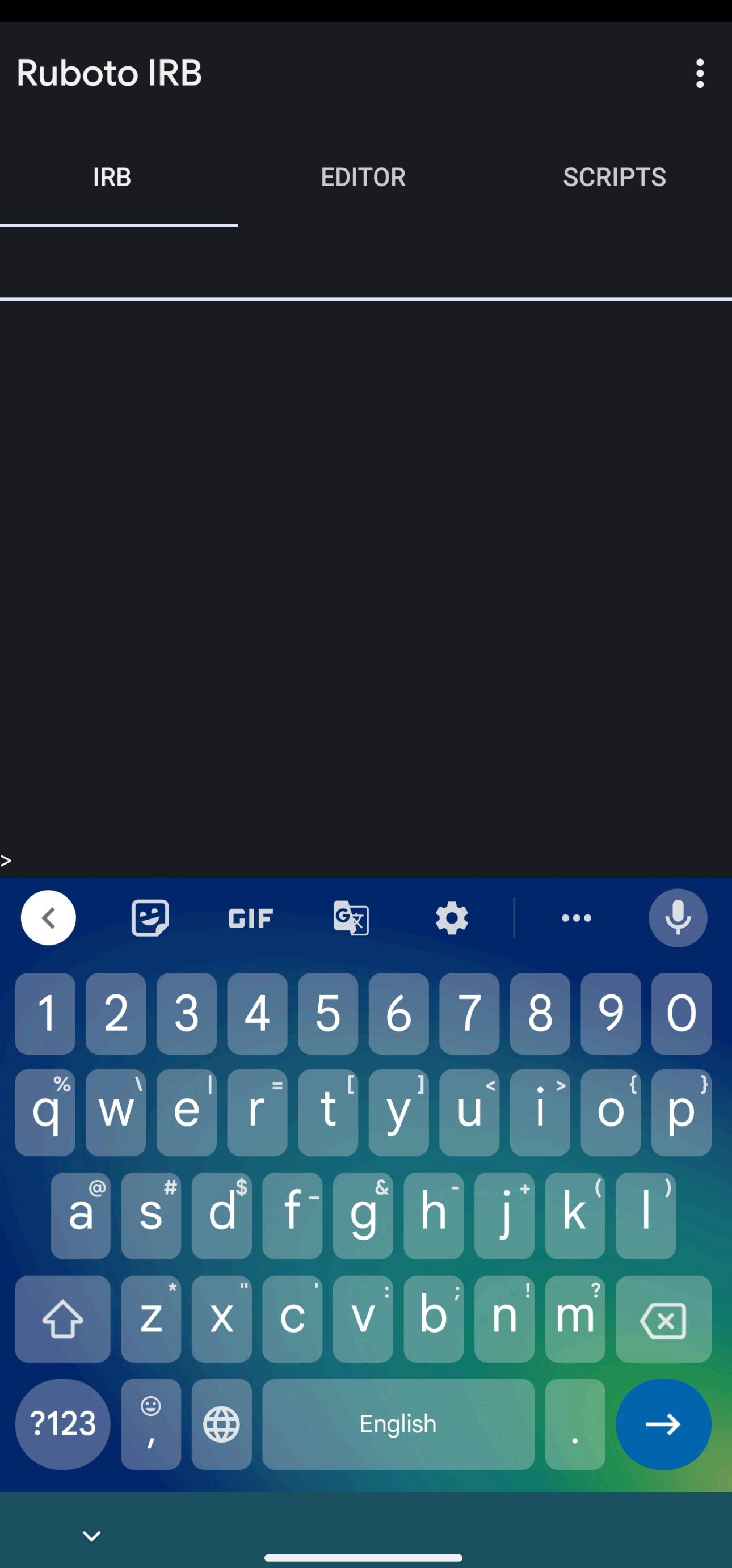
Ruboto **Ruboto 9K POC** **Ruboto-IRB**

The command-line interface Proof of Concept for JRuby 9K on Android 8+ A Ruby REPL on Android

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Ruboto IRB

- IRB in JRuby on Android!
 - Plus an editor and script runner
- Not currently in the store, but we will republish soon!
- Search for "Ruboto Core" and "Ruboto IRB" APKs





JVM Features



JVM GC

- Many options to tune JVM GCs
 - Heap size: small or large?
 - Throughput: faster allocations or shorter pause times?
 - Working set: large in-memory or mostly new objects?
- Many options in standard OpenJDK
 - Serial, Parallel, G1, ZGC, Shenandoah



JVM JIT

- HotSpot JIT is most widely deployed
 - C1 "client" JIT: fast, simple optimizations
 - C2 "server" JIT: needs profile data, heavy optimization
 - Both enabled with various "tiers" of JIT
- Graal JIT: newer, more aggressive optimizations
- OpenJ9 JIT (IBM JDK): offline AOT, JIT servers, CRIU

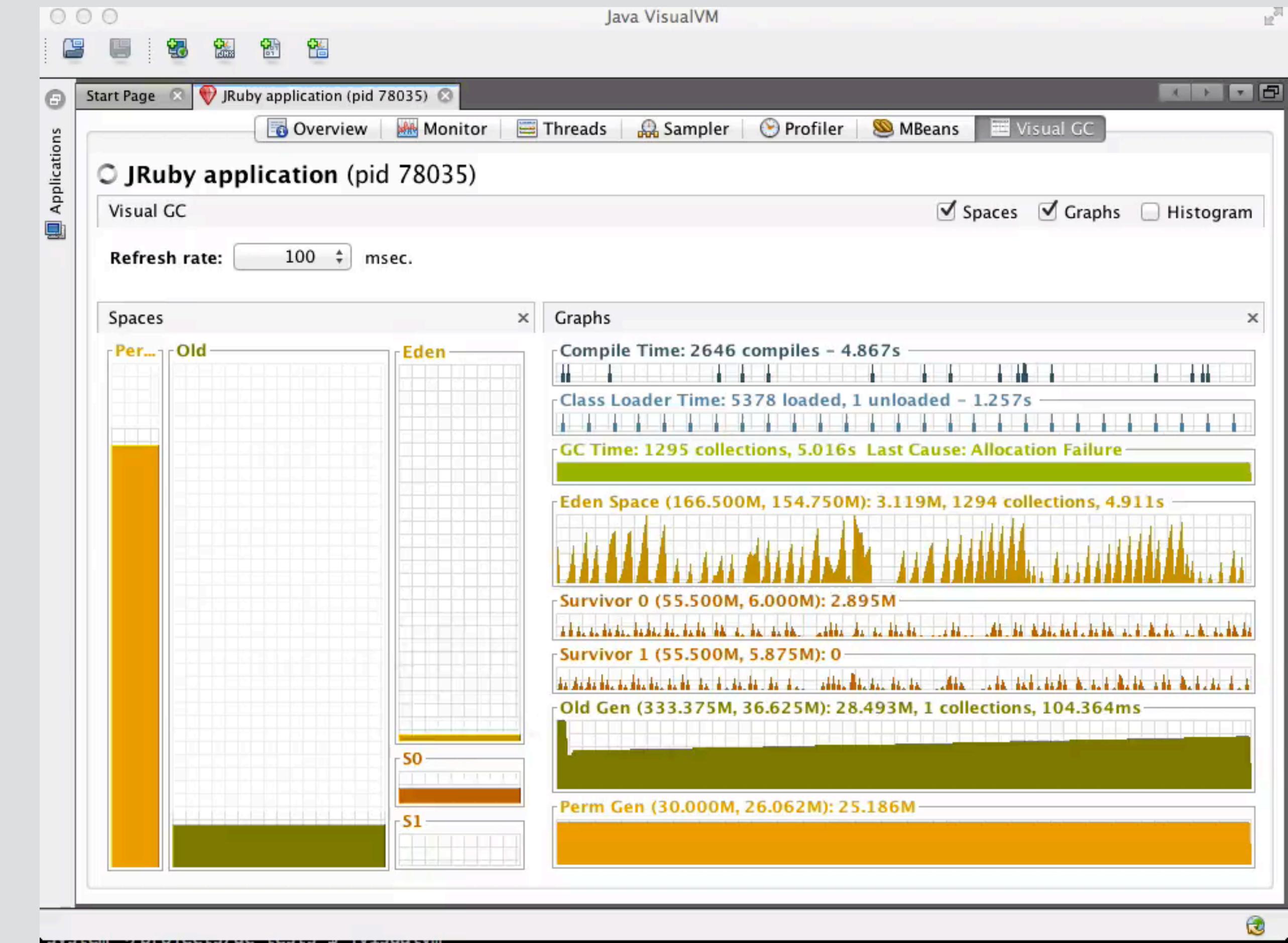
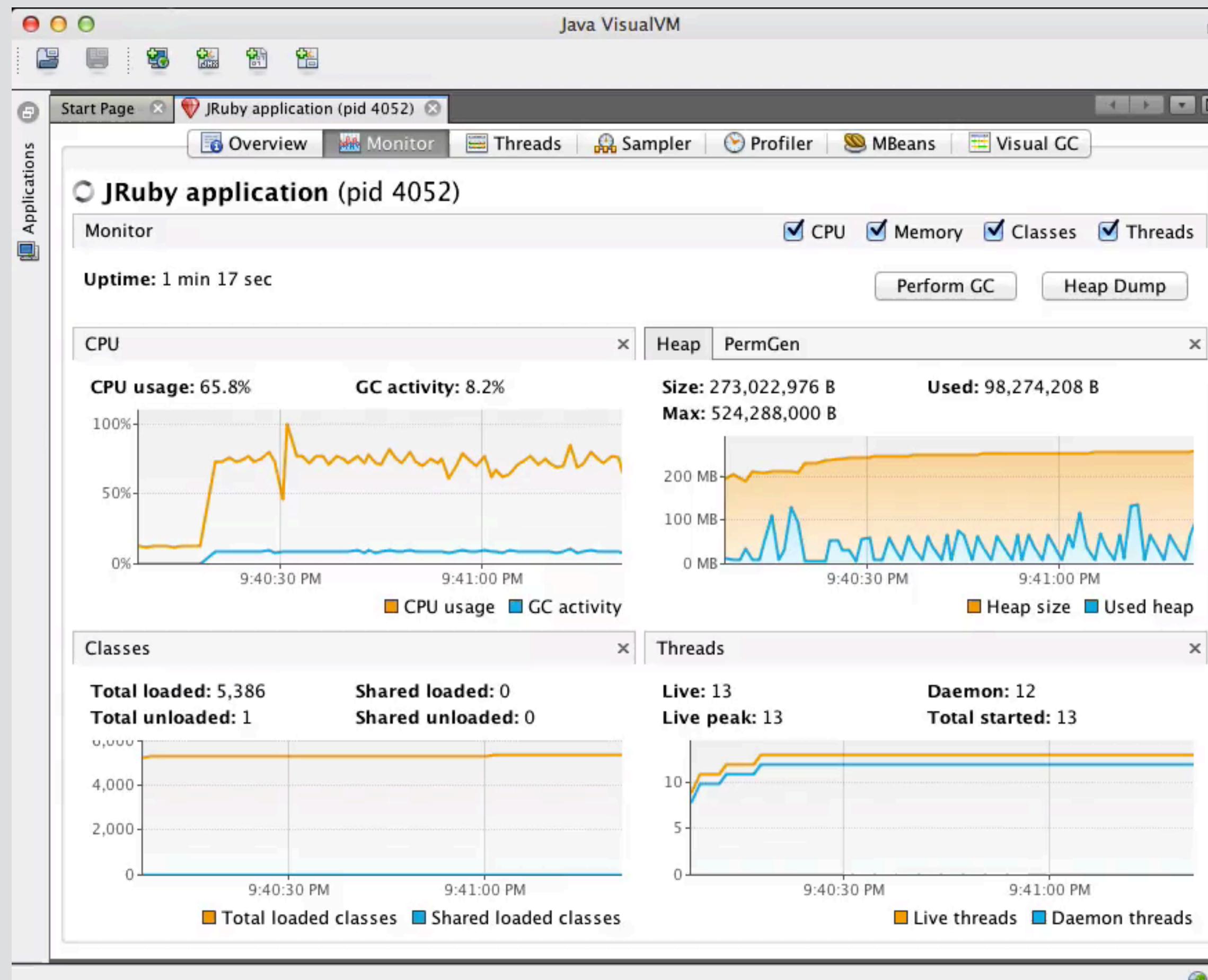


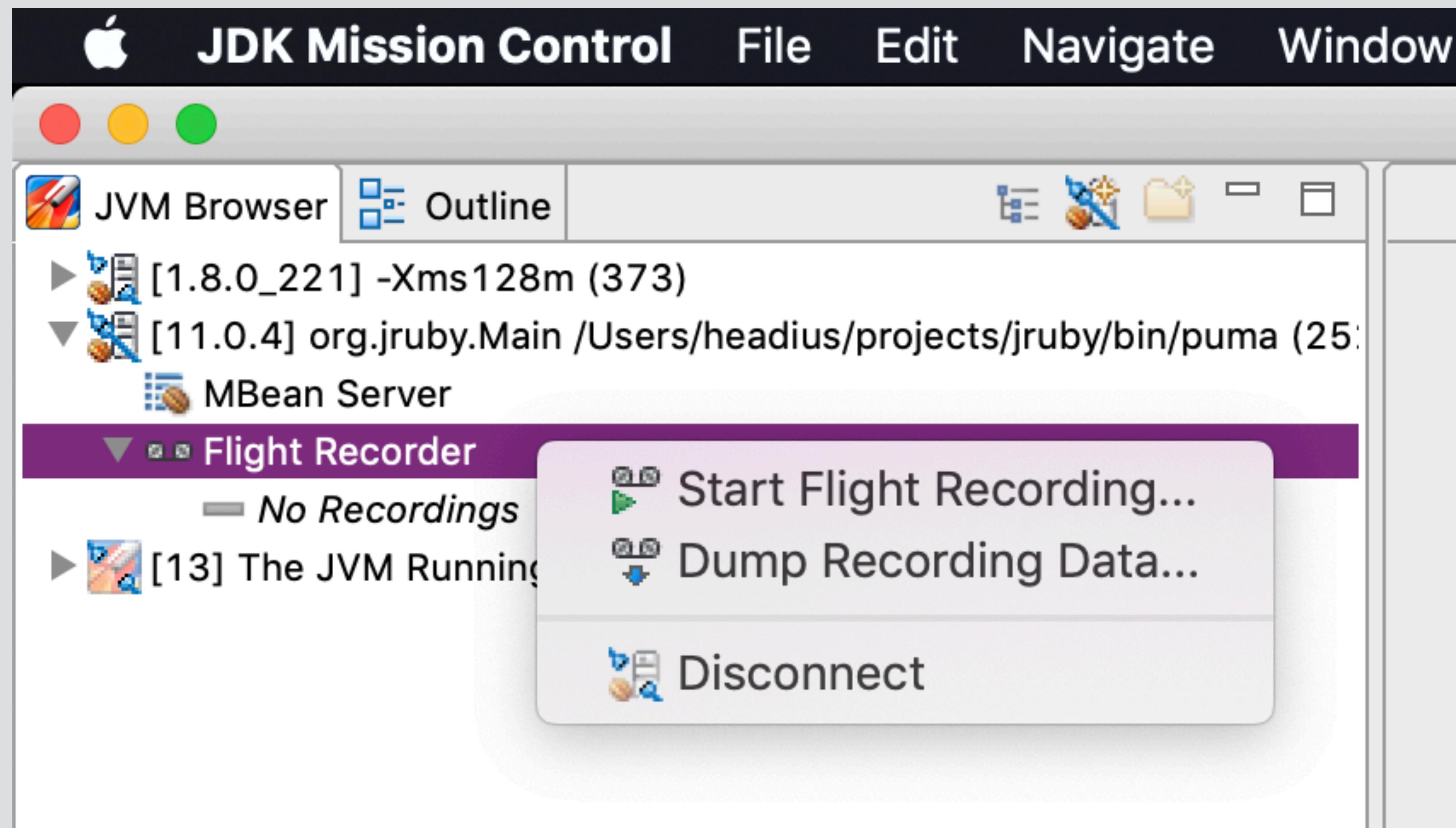
Monitoring and Profiling

- VisualVM: GUI console for basic JVM monitoring
- JDK Flight Recorder: always-on monitoring with profiling options
 - Low-overhead 1% to 5%, built into OpenJDK
- JDK Mission Control: GUI client for Flight Recorder data
 - <https://adoptium.net/jmc/>



Visual VM





Memory

Focus: <No Selection>

Aspect: <No Selection>

Class	Alloc Total ▾	Total Allocation (%)
rubyobj.RedBlackTree.Node	2.58 GiB	51.1 %
org.jruby.RubyFixnum	1.13 GiB	22.3 %
org.jruby.runtime.builtin.IRubyObject[]	692 MiB	13.4 %
java.lang.Object[]	655 MiB	12.7 %
jdk.jfr.internal.util.TimespanUnit[]	22 MiB	0.425 %
int[]	1.35 MiB	0.0262 %
java.util.ArrayList	1.15 MiB	0.0222 %
java.util.TreeMap\$Entry	572 KiB	0.0108 %

M Method Profiling

Focus: <No Selection>

Aspect: <No Selection>

Method	Count	Percentage
⚡ bench2018.bench_red_black.♥ def insert_helper #27(ThreadLocalRandom, Random)	244	16.6 %
⚡ bench2018.bench_red_black.♥ def insert #14(ThreadLocalRandom, Random)	20	1.36 %
⚡ bench2018.bench_red_black.♥ def minimum #16(ThreadLocalRandom, Random)	19	1.29 %
⚡ bench2018.bench_red_black.♥ def maximum #17(ThreadLocalRandom, Random)	15	1.02 %
⚡ bench2018.bench_red_black.♥ def search #22(ThreadLocalRandom, Random)	9	0.611 %
⚡ bench2018.bench_red_black.♥ def delete_fixup #28(ThreadLocalRandom, Random)	6	0.407 %
⚡ bench2018.bench_red_black.♥ def successor #18(ThreadLocalRandom, Random)	2	0.136 %
⚡ bench2018.bench_red_black.♥ def delete #15(ThreadLocalRandom, Random)	1	0.0678 %
⚡ bench2018.bench_red_black.♥ def inorder_walk #20(ThreadLocalRandom, Random)	1	0.0678 %



Performance and Scaling



Scaling Applications

- Classic problem on CRuby/MRI
 - **No concurrent threads**, so we need worker processes
 - Processes **duplicate runtime state** and **waste resources**
- JRuby is a good solution
 - Multi-threaded **single process** runs your **entire site**
 - Single process with **leading-edge GC** uses resources better



Baseline Rails App

- Scaffolded "blog" application on PostgreSQL, Puma
- IBM VPC instance: 8 vCPU, 32GB
- CRuby 3.2, 16 workers
- JRuby 9.4: 16 threads
- Database, siege benchmark driver on same instance

A screenshot of a web browser window displaying a blog post editing interface. The URL bar shows "Not secure | 0.0.0.0:3000/posts/1". The main content area contains the following fields:

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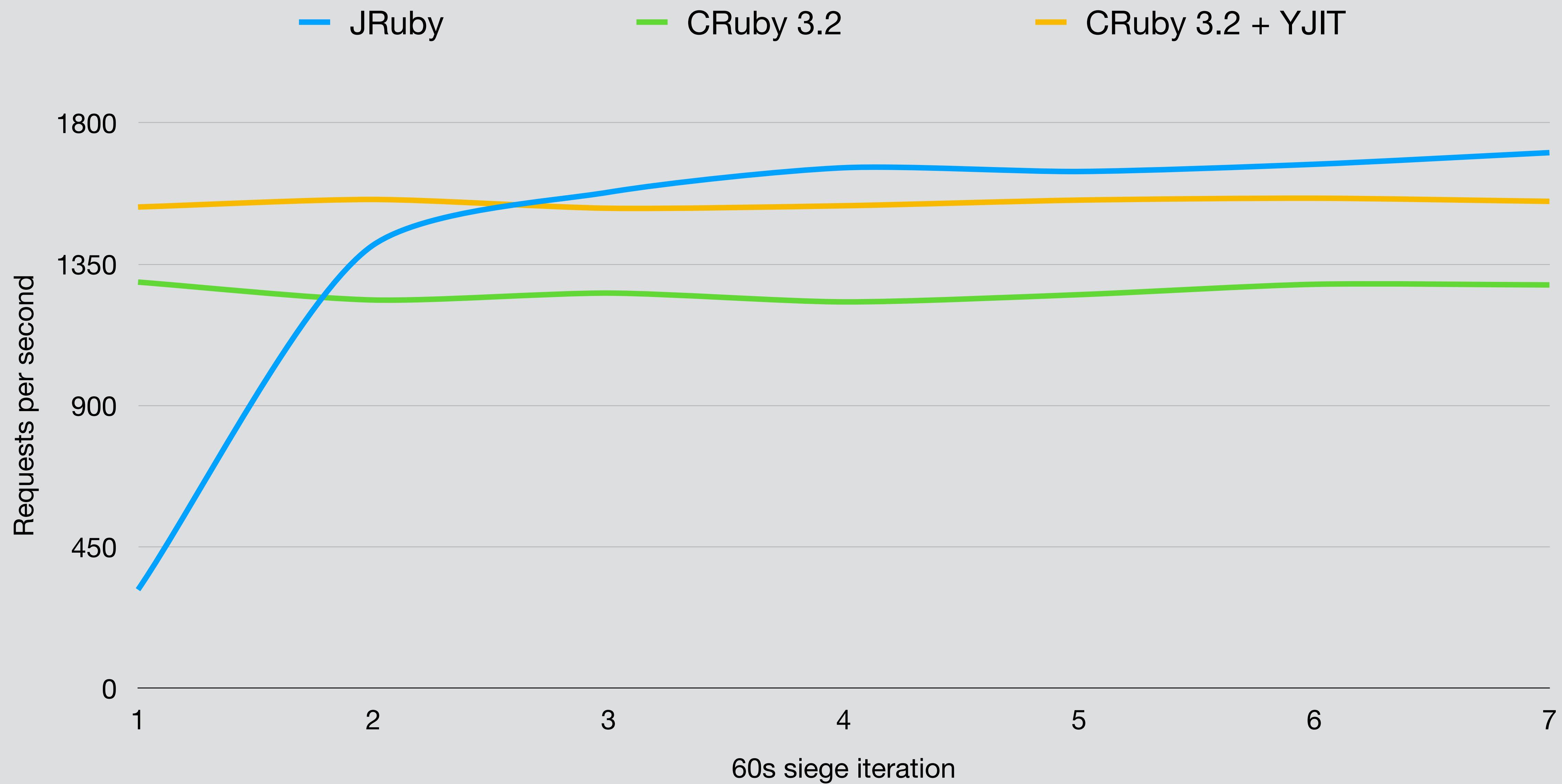
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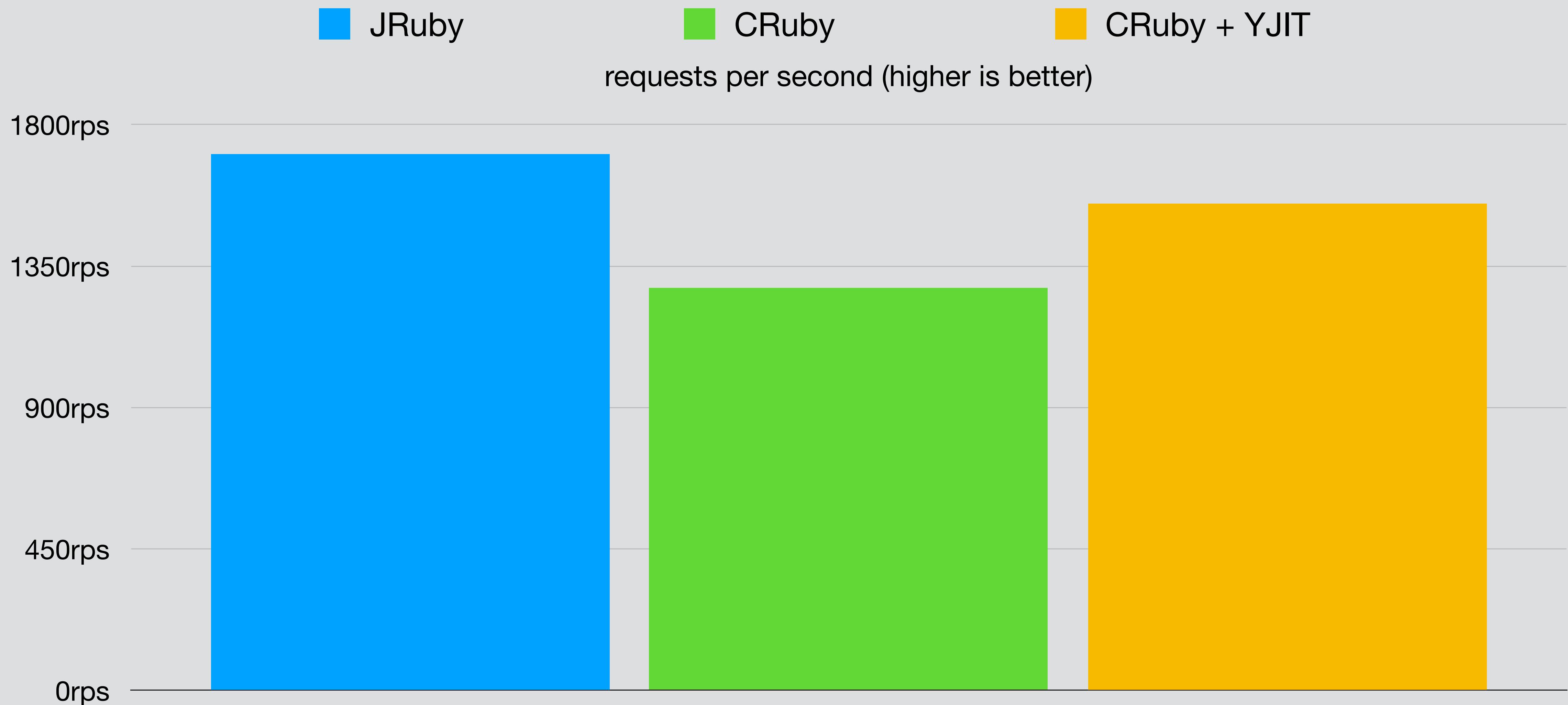
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The browser interface includes standard navigation buttons (back, forward, refresh), a search bar, and links to Google services like Mail, Offline, Keep, Calendar, and Drive.

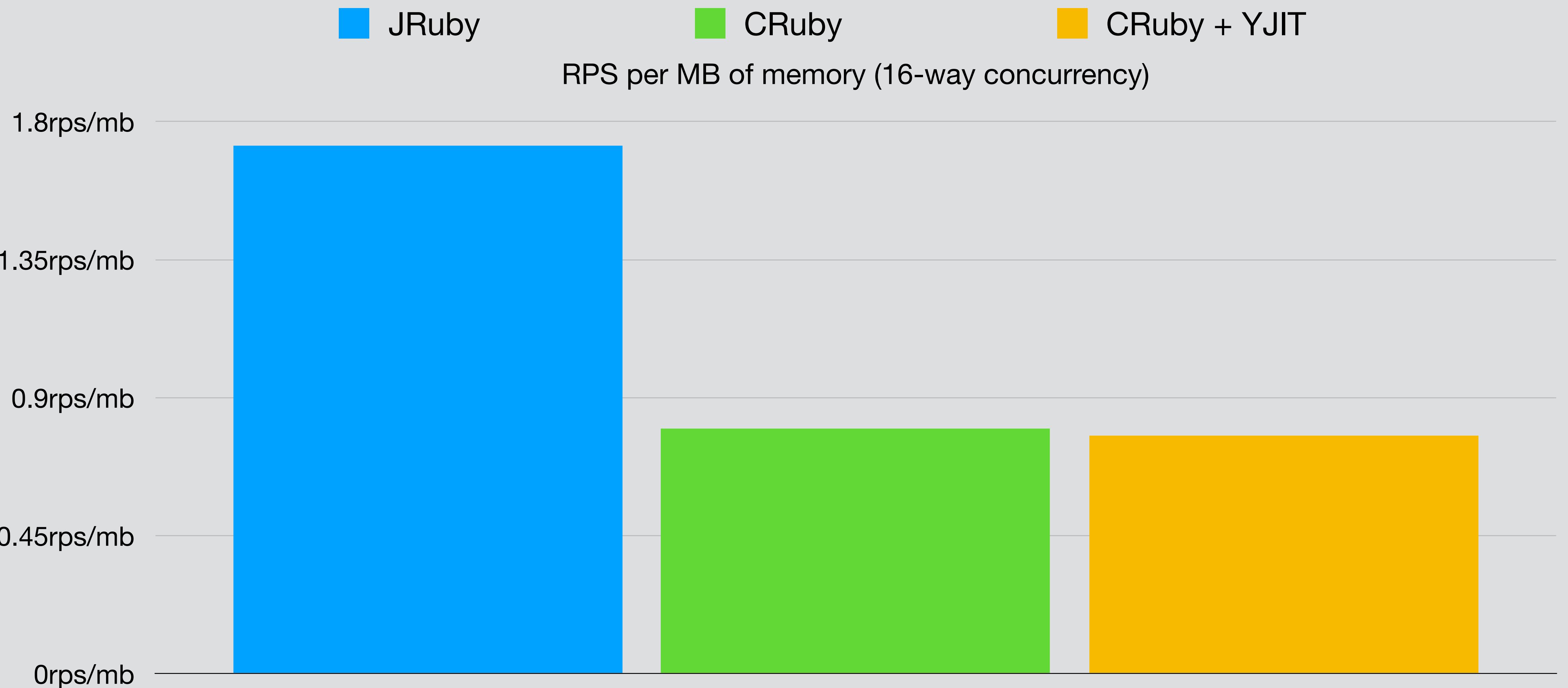






Memory

- JRuby: 3.4GB RSS
 - JRuby with 300MB heap: 955MB RSS
 - JRuby G1: 1.6G
- CRuby: 16x 103MB = 1.6GB
 - CRuby YJIT: 16x 125MB = 2GB





JRuby

CRuby

CRuby + YJIT

RPS per MB of memory (160-way concurrency)

14rps

10.5rps

7rps

3.5rps

0rps





Optimizing JRuby 10



Optimizing Startup

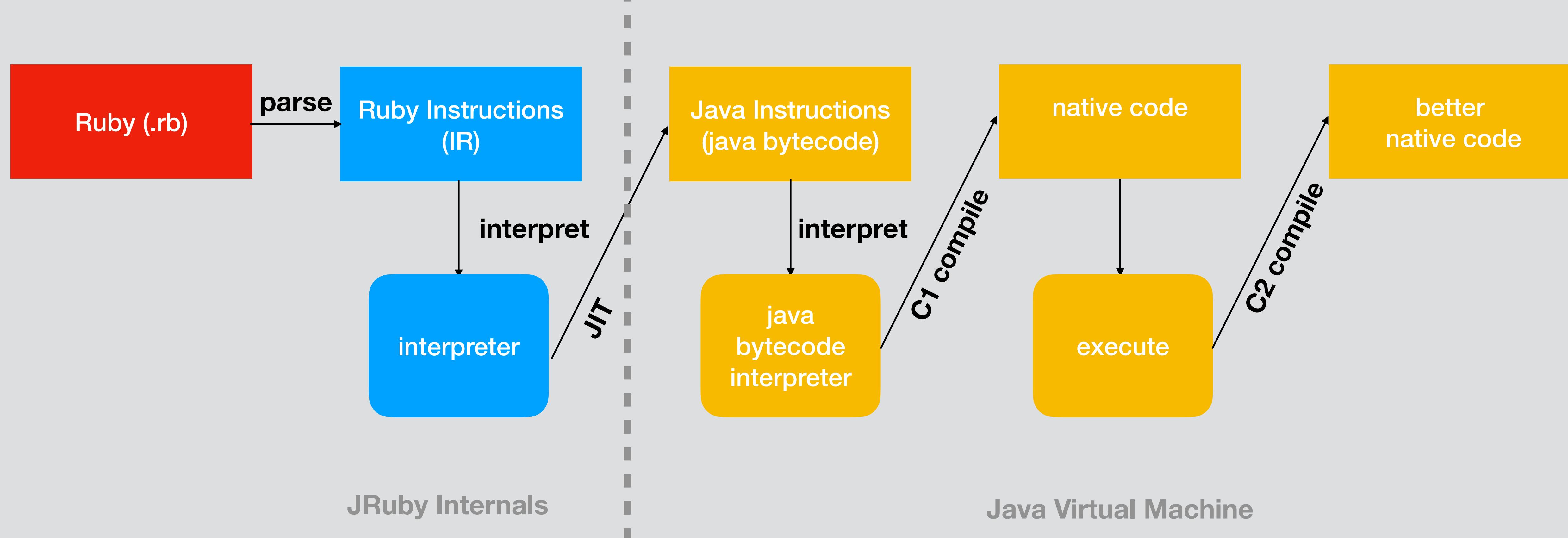


Optimizing Startup

- First impressions are important!
- JRuby has always had much longer startup than CRuby
 - JVM must load, parse, optimize each time
 - Delaying parts of startup only helps "hello world"
- Newer JDKs shipping **improved startup features**



JRuby Compiler Pipeline



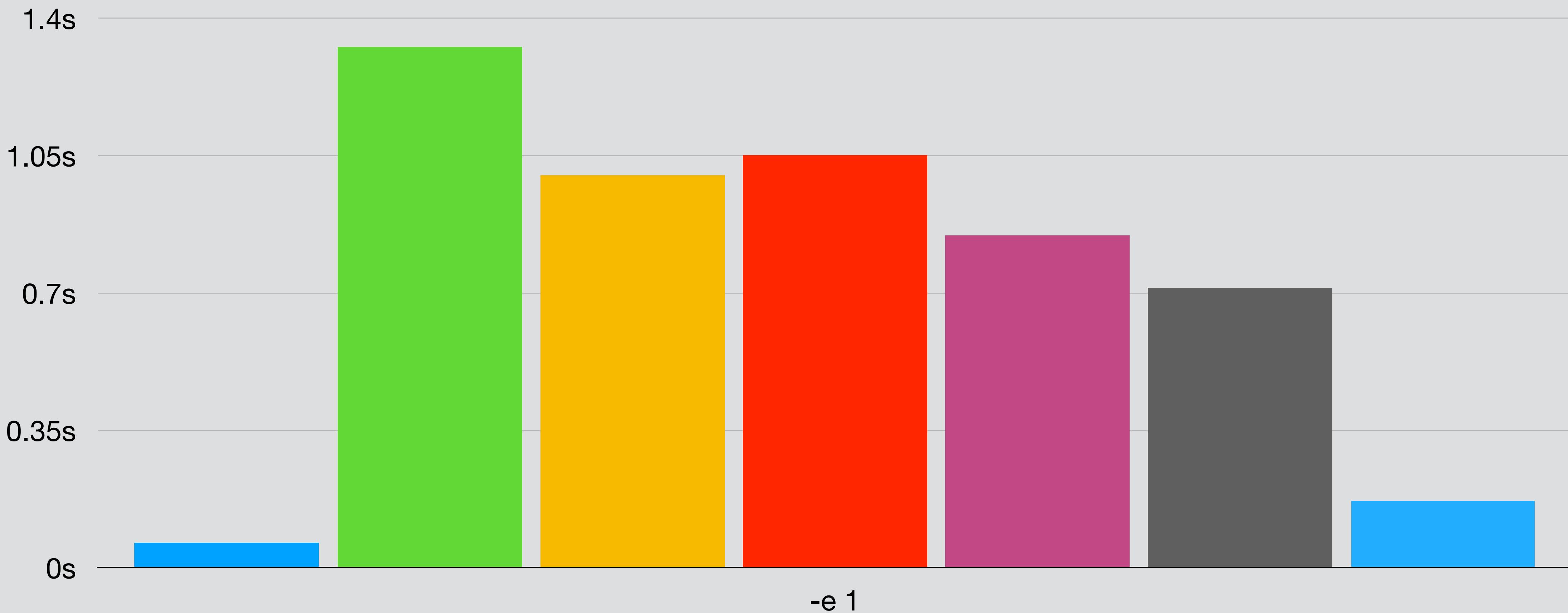


JVM Startup Projects

- Application Class Data Store (**AppCDS**)
 - Pre-cache classes, methods, code, metadata across runs
- Machine code caching (**AOTCache**)
 - AppCDS + execution profiles and native code
- Coordinated restore at checkpoint (**CRaC**)
 - Capture entire process state and restore later (repeatedly)



CRuby 3.4 JRuby 9.4 JRuby 9.4 --dev JRuby 10
JRuby 10 --dev JRuby 10 --dev AOTCache JRuby on CRaC





Optimizing Performance

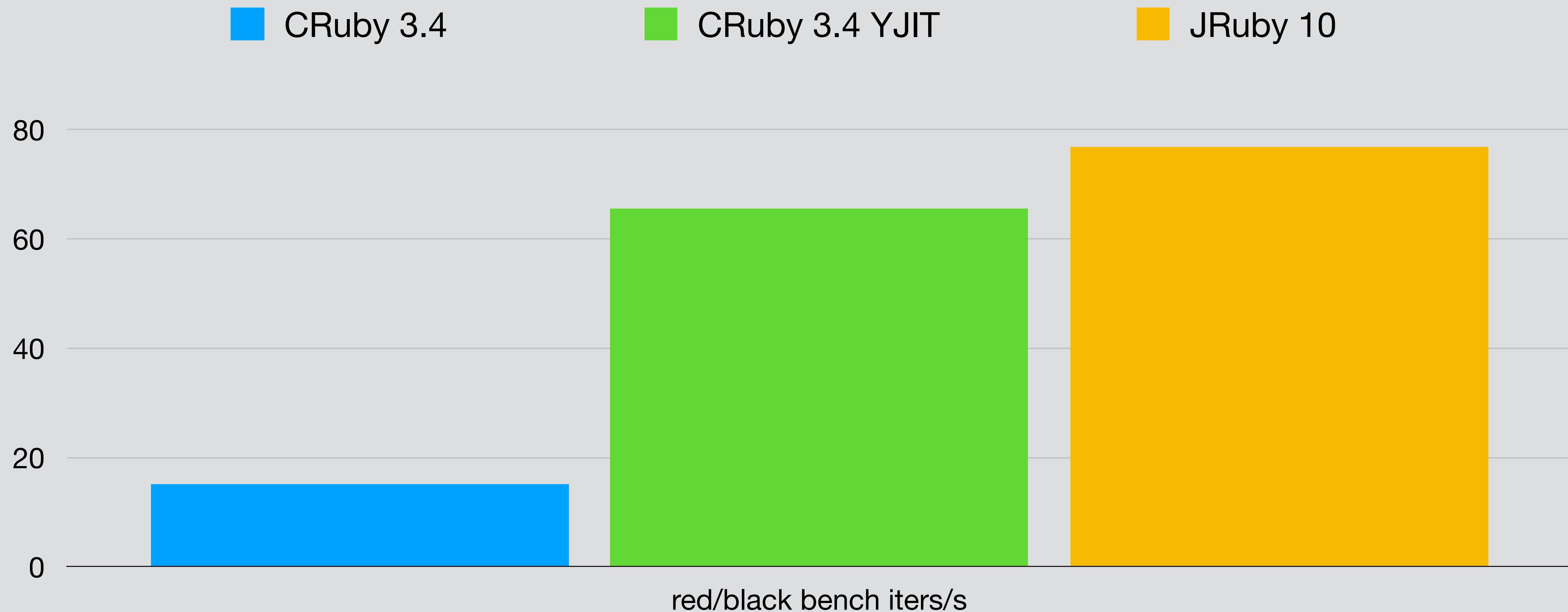


Optimizing Performance

- JRuby depends on JVM for most optimization
 - JVM has **world-class JIT compilers**, garbage collectors
 - Similar design to ZJIT, but with 30 years of work in it
- JRuby itself has an IR, basic block-based interpreter and JIT
 - Similar design to ZJIT starting in **JRuby 9.0** (2015)

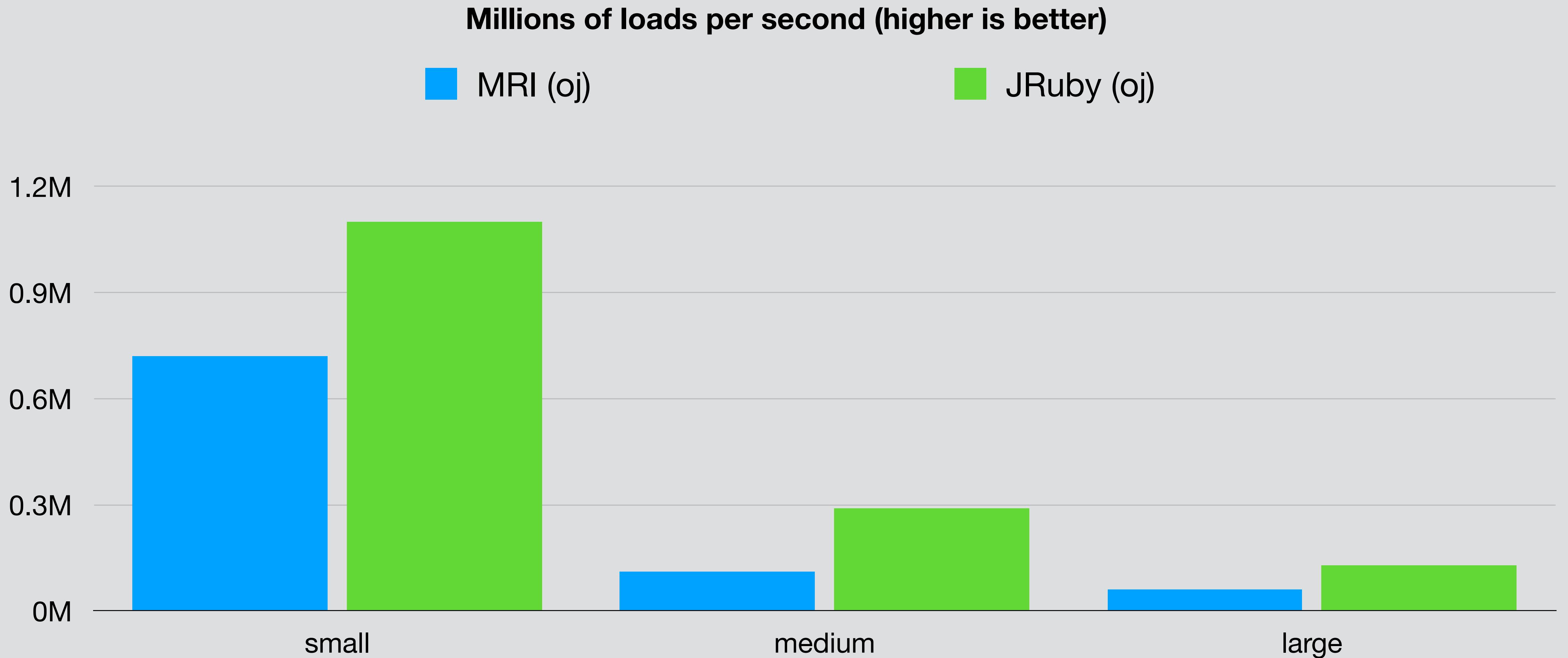


Pure Ruby red/black tree





Better Extension Performance





Optimizing Fibers

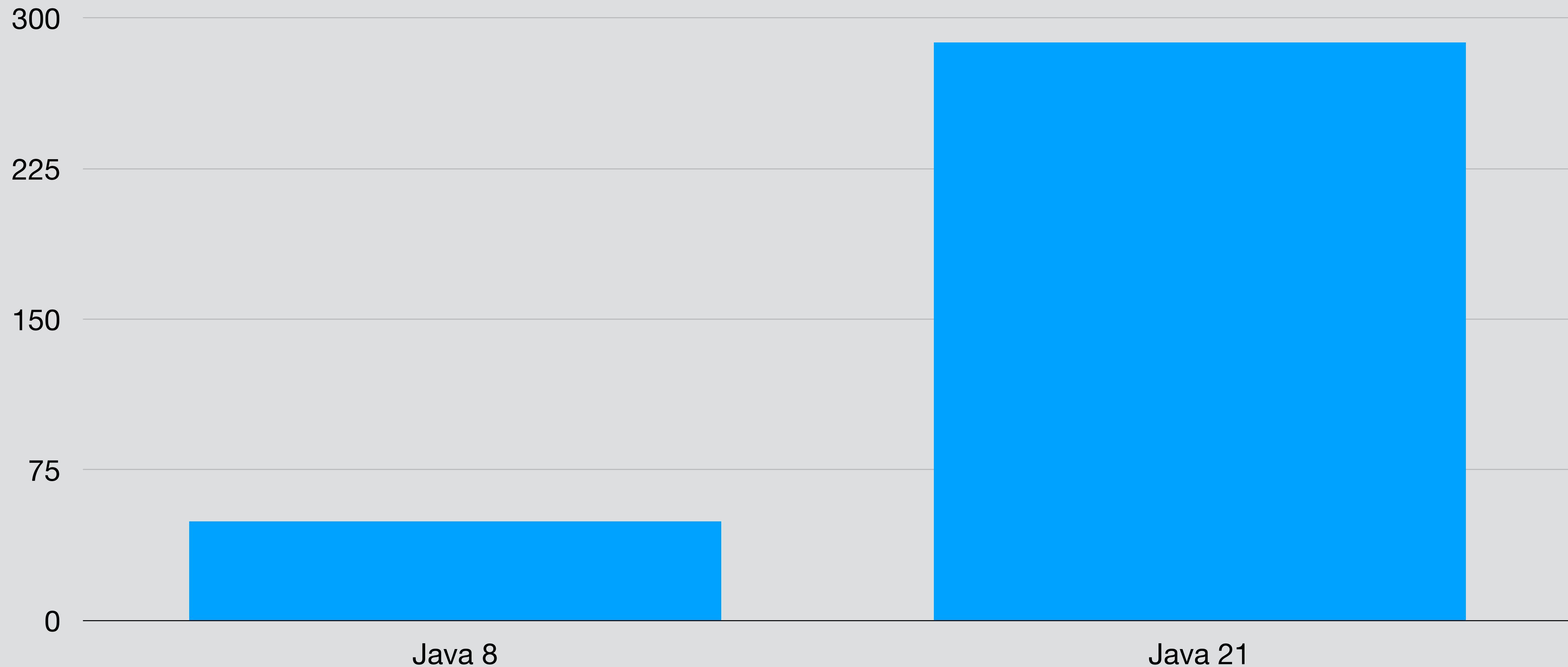
- Fibers were not well-supported on older JVMs
 - Only abstraction was a native thread, too heavy for 1000s of fibers
- OpenJDK Project Loom adds fibers to JVM
 - "Virtual threads" are lightweight, but use same thread API
 - JRuby can match CRuby for count and perf of fibers



```
1000.times.map {  
  Fiber.new { Fiber.yield }  
}.each(&:resume).each(&:resume)
```



Create, resume, and finish 1000 fibers





Class#new Optimization

- CRuby adding opt_new to optimize Class#new
 - Using C code to allocate + initialize hurts performance
- JRuby implemented this in 2016
 - If Class#new is default, allocate and call #initialize inline
 - Allocation and initialize both inline back to caller

Object.new



Ruby 3.4 + YJIT

Ruby 3.5 + opt_new

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14M

10.5M

7M

3.5M

0M

Object.new allocations per second





Ruby 3.4 + YJIT

Ruby 3.5 + opt_new

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300M

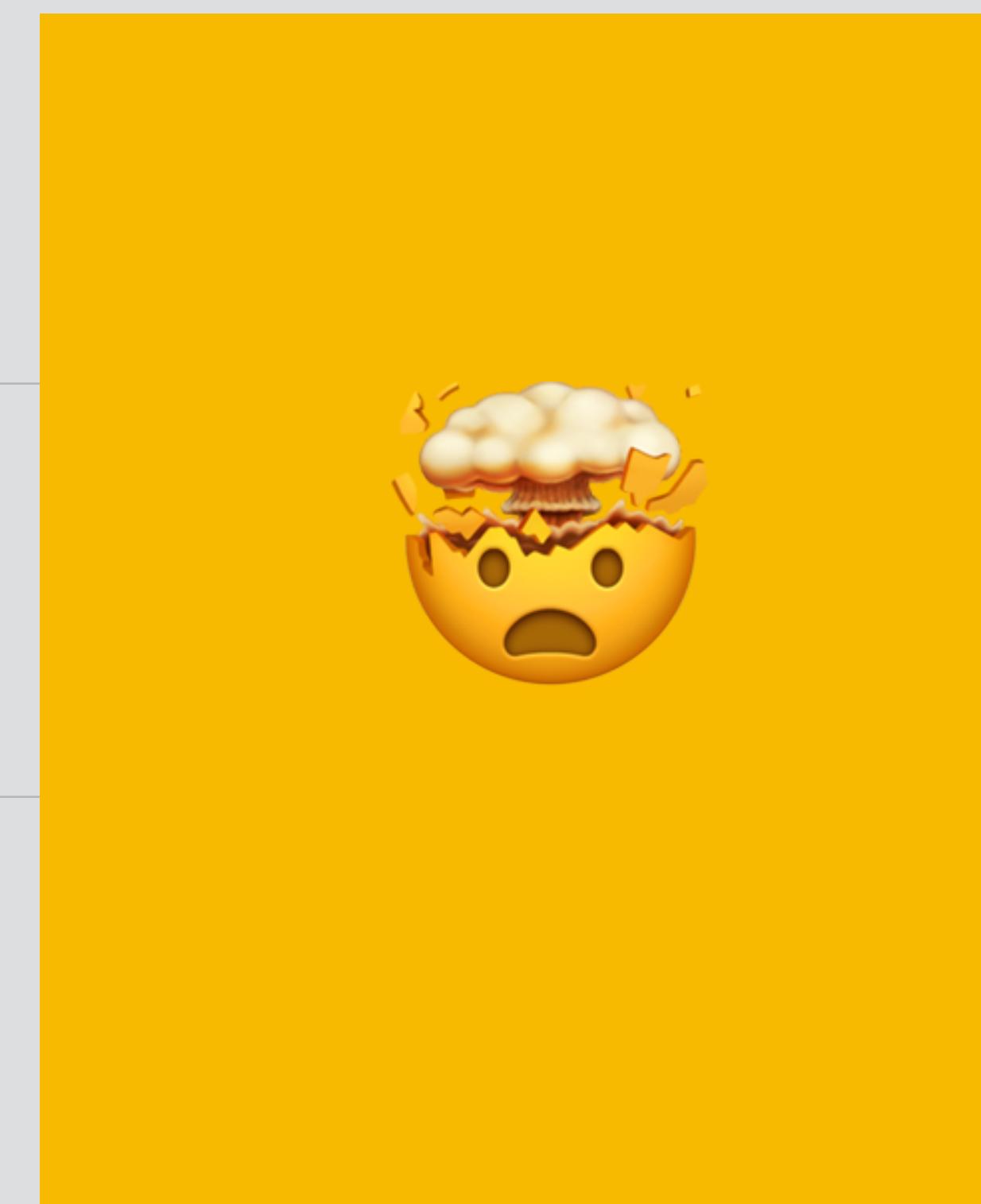
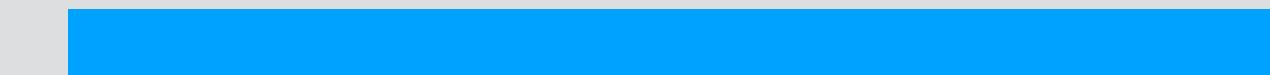
225M

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75M

0M

Object.new allocations per second





Ruby 3.4 + YJIT

Ruby 3.5 + opt_new

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1000M

1000M

100M

10M

1M

Object.new allocations per second

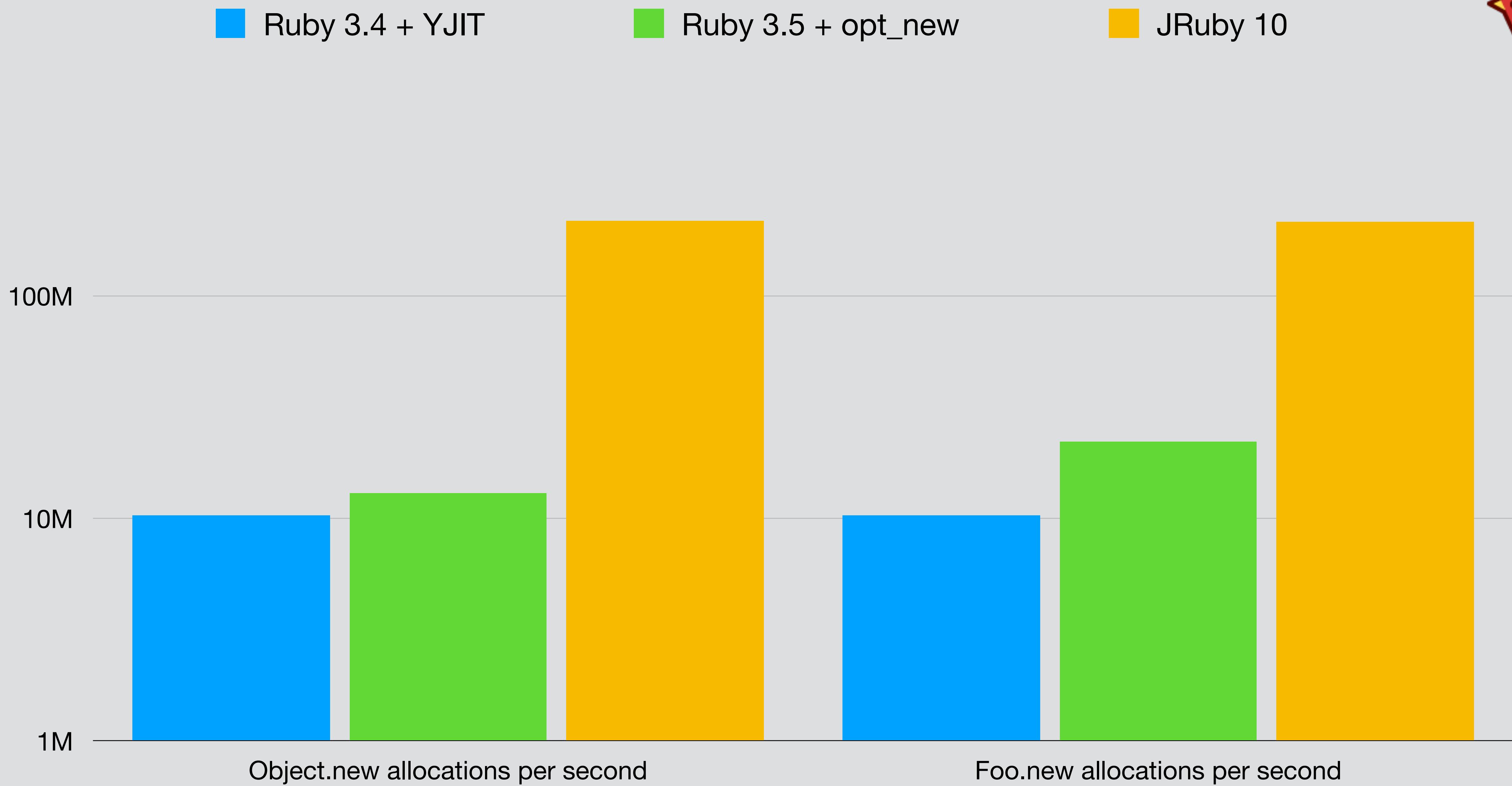




Allocation Profile

Class	Alloc Total	Total Allocation (%)
 rubyobj.Foo	43.7 GiB	98.7 %
 org.jruby.RubyFixnum	545 MiB	1.2 %
 int[]	19.5 MiB	0.0431 %
 java.util.ArrayList	4.75 MiB	0.0105 %

```
class Foo  
  def initialize = nil  
end
```





Alternative JITs

- HotSpot JIT
 - Standard JIT compiler in OpenJDK
 - Best balance of performance, reliability
- Graal JIT
 - Part of GraalVM project
 - Advanced optimizations, sometimes unpredictable perf



■ JRuby 10

■ JRuby 10 + Graal

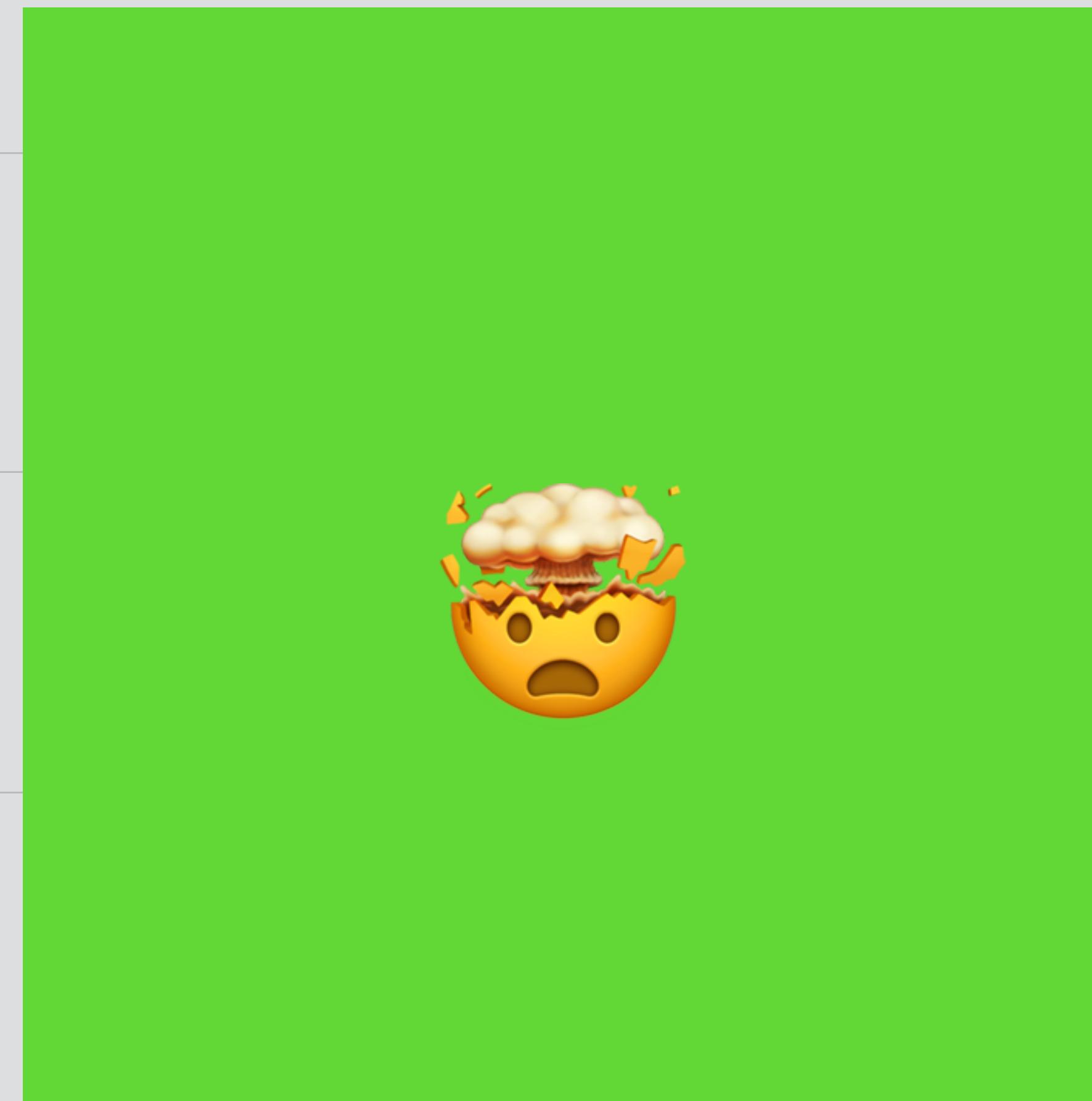
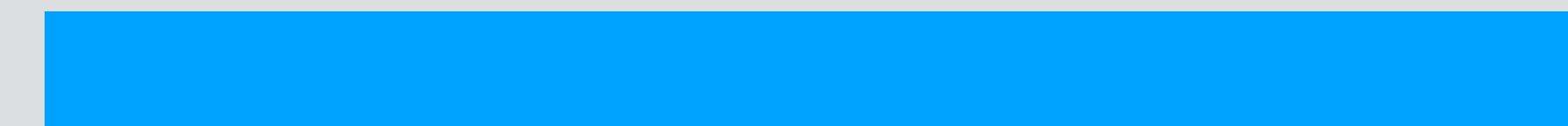
3000M

2250M

1500M

750M

0M



Foo.new allocations per second



Data

- New immutable struct type in Ruby 3.2
- Compact storage
- Special `#new` method to allocate and initialize together

```
Bar = Data.new(:a, :b, :c)  
Bar.new(1, 2, 3)
```



CRuby 3.4 + YJIT

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7M

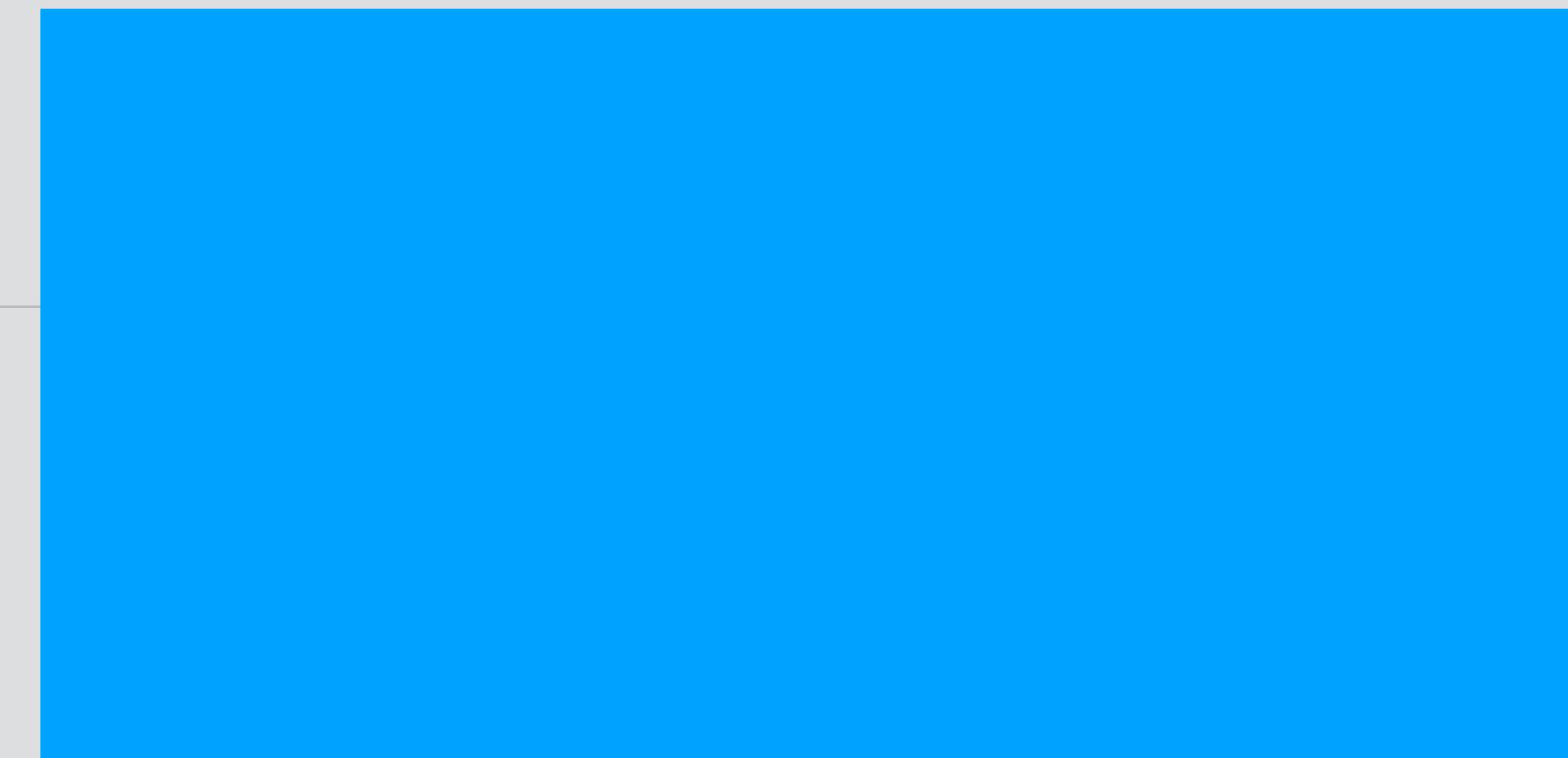
5.25M

3.5M

1.75M

0M

Bar.new(1, 2, 3) allocations per second





Optimizing Concurrency



Threads or Ractors?

- Ractors are designed to bring concurrency to Ruby
 - You must write Ractor-friendly code
 - High overhead crossing Ractor boundary
- Threads in JRuby are already 100% concurrent
 - You must write Thread-friendly code
 - But zero overhead due to shared object
- Thanks to Maciej Mensfeld for the benchmark



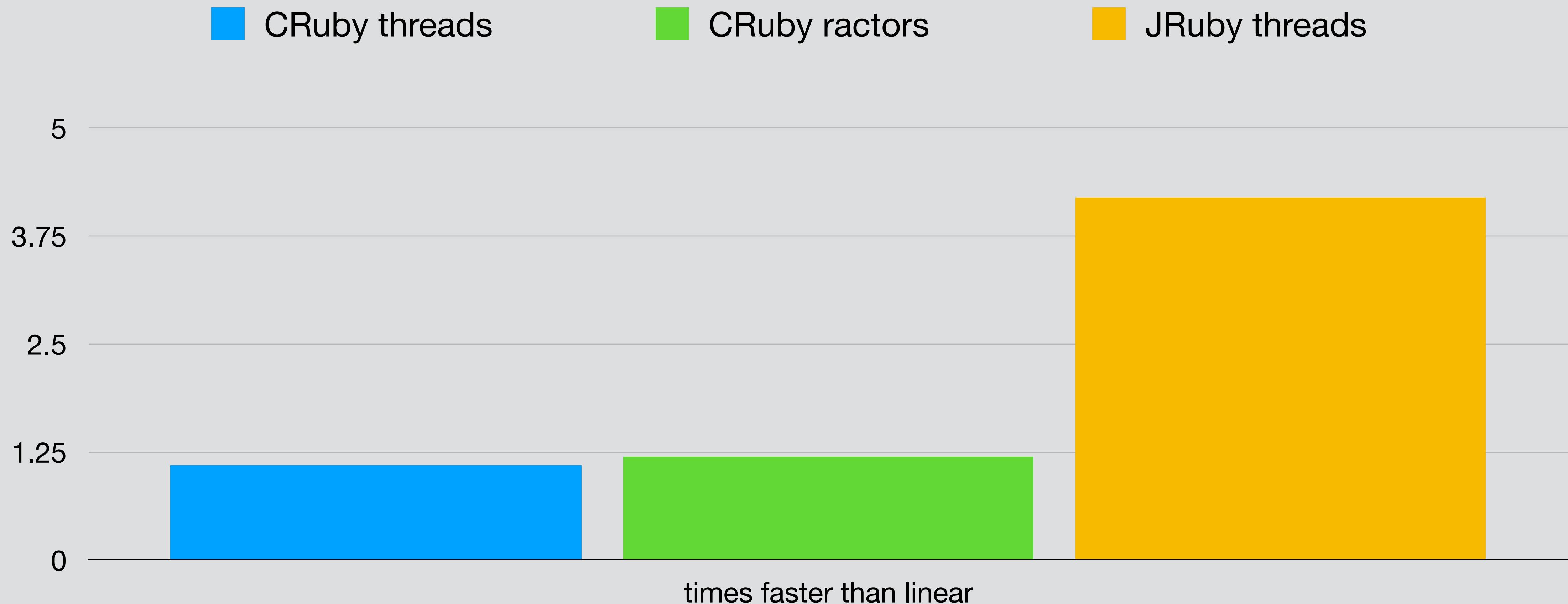
```
if THREADS
  queues = CONCURRENT.times.map { Queue.new }
  threads = CONCURRENT.times.map do |i|
    Thread.new do
      queue = queues[i]
      data_chunk = queue.pop
      data_chunk.each { |item| JSON.parse(item) }
    end
  end
end
```



```
result = Benchmark.measure do
  if THREADS
    CONCURRENT.times do |i|
      queues[i] << data[i]
    end
    threads.each(&:join)
  else
    # Linear without any threads
    data.each do |piece|
      piece.each { |_1| JSON.parse(_1) }
    end
  end
end
```



Threads vs Ractors





JRuby Future



Supporting JRuby

- I work for you!
 - Helping Ruby users with JRuby
 - Keep making JRuby better
- Sponsorships from users
 - Every little bit helps!
- JRuby and Ruby support
 - Migration, updates, performance work





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- Many more optimizations coming!
 - Now that we are 3.4 compatible, I can work on fun stuff
 - If you find something slower than CRuby, tell me!
- More JDK features
 - AOTCache for startup, Panama for fast native calls
 - Upgrade JVM, your JRuby code runs faster!



Thank You!

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- Help me keep working on JRuby!

